(b) out of this how much has been exploited; and

(c) what steps are being taken to exploit all the irrigation potential in Melghat?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI SIS RAM OLA): (a) to (b) The total estimated irrigation potential of Dhami and Chikhaldara Taluka of Melghat region in Maharashtra is 20572 hectares. Out of this, irrigation potential of 6286 hectares has been created.

(c) With a view to create additional irrigation potential in the Melghat region, the Government of Maharashtra has taken up the construction of 1 minor irrigation scheme having irrigation potential of 283 hectares and have approved two other irrigation schemes having the combined irrigation potential of 4723 hectares in Dharni Taluka. 2 minor irrigation schemes having combined irrigation potential of 1496 hectares are under investigation and 1 minor scheme having irrigation potential of 170 hectares is proposed for future in Dharni Taluka. 3 minor irrigation schemes having combined irrigation potential of 138 hectares arc proposed in Chikhaldara Taluka. In addition, 27 minor irrigation works are in progress in Melghat region under the local sector having a combined irrigation potential of 1735 hectares.

Outlawed Organisations in Bihar

*103. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of people from outlawed organisations in Bihar arrested so far during the last three years, organisation-wise: and

(b) as most of the organisations of Senas are Conned by the land-owners, how many raids were conducted by the State police on the houses and estates of land-owners and how many have been arrested so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) Government of Bihar have intimated that during the last three years 2133 persons belonging to outlawed organisations were arrested in Bihar. The details are as under:—

(i) Maoist Communist Centre	—	1126
(ii) Party Unity	—	596
(iii) Ranvir Kisan Maha Sangh	—	585
(iv) Sun Light Sena	—	18
(v) Swaran Liberation Front	—	8
Total	—	2133

(b) As per information received from Govt. of Bihar, regular raids are being conducted against accused/suspected persons. However, information regarding the exact number of raids carried out on the houses/estates of landowners and the number of landowners arrested is not readily available and is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

त्रिपुरा में उग्रवादी

*104. **श्री अन्नतराय देवशंकर दुवे**: क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या त्रिपुरा में आतंकवादियों/उग्रवादियों से बरामद किए गए हथियार आतंकवादियों के विरुद्ध इस्तेमाल करने के लिए अर्धसैनिक बलों को दिये जा रहे हैं:

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है:

(ग) क्या बरामद किए गए हथियार अर्धसैनिक बलों को दिए गए हथियारों से बहुत अधिक आधुनिक हैं:

(घ) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है: और

(ङ) त्रिपूरा में अब तक ए.के. 47 और ऐसे अन्य घातक हथियारों की कितनी बरामदगी हुई है?

गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (मोहम्मद मकबूल डार): (क) जी नहीं, श्री।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

(ग) जी नहीं, श्रीमान।

(घ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

(ङ) त्रिपूरा में वर्ष 1993 से 15.11.1997 तक 423 देसी हथियारों सहित 486 हथियार पकड़े गये थे।

National Highways in Uttar Pradesh

* 105. SHRI RAM NATH KOVIND: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any plan to improve National Highways in Uttar Pradesh: and

(b) if so, the details of the Highways proposed to be developed and the amount to be spent thereon?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI TG. VENKATRAMAN): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The Annual Plan 1997-98 for Development of National Highways in the State of Uttar Pradesh provides for various works at an estimated cost of Rs. 158.5 crores. To meet the cost of ongoing and new works the allocations made for the year 1997-98 are as follows:-

crores.

(i) Development works on National Highways	Rs. 133.00
(ii) Maintenance and repairs works on National Highways	Rs. 34.69

Basic Service by MTNL

* 106. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have given complete freedom to MTNL, and local telecome management to fix prices of basic services independently;

(b) whether this will have a negative impact on the cost of telecom services to phone subscribers;

(c) whether Government have given thought to these free hand policy to the telecome sector; and

(d) the steps proposed to link independent policy formulation to performance?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Does not arise in view of reply to (a) above.

New Telephone Exchanges in Vidarbha Region of Maharastra

* 107. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to slate:

(a) whether Government have commissioned new telephone exchanges with latest technology in Vidarbha region of Maharashtra particularly in Nagpur district;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to commission such more telephone exchanges in the region during 1997-98; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 50000 lines of latest technology exchanges (FWSD-Siemens) are working at Nagpur in Vidarbha region. Details are given below:

(1)	SITABARDIMAIN	:	20K
(2)	SAKKARDARAMAIN	:	10K
(3)	ITWARI(RSU)	:	20K

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) 5000 lines of latest technology (EWSD-Remote Switching Unit) arc planned to be commissioned at Hingna MIDC at Nagpur during 1997-98.

डाक एवं तार परिमंडल रायपुर में श्रेणी "ग" और श्रेणी "घ" के रिक्त पद भरा जाना

*108. **श्री दिलीप सिंह जूदेव**: क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) छत्तीसगढ़ (मध्य प्रदेश) में डाक एवं तार परिमंडल सायपुर के अंतर्गत आने वाले सेवा निवृत्ति, मृत्यु, त्याग पत्र, नए पदों के सृजन, आदि के कारण अक्तूबर, 1997 में श्रेणी "ग" और श्रेणी "घ" के कर्मचारियों के अलग अलग कितने पद रिक्त थे,

(ख) वर्ष 1994-95 से वर्ष 1996-97 तक की अवधि में इन श्रेणियों में प्रति वर्ष कुल कितने व्यक्तियों को नियुक्तियां दी गई तथा वर्ष 1997-98 में इन श्रेणियों में कितने व्यक्ति किये जाने हैं; और

(ग) इन रिक्त पदों को भरने के लिए की जा रही कार्यवाही का ब्यौरा क्या है?

संचार मंत्री (श्री बेनी प्रसाद वर्मा): (क) अक्तूबर, 1997 में समूह "ग" और "घ" में रिक्त पदों की संख्या निम्नानुसार है:-